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**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: SHUSTER et al.

Art Unit: 2154

Serial No.: 09/648,474

Filed: August 21, 2000

Examiner: Dustin Nguyen

Title: METHOD, APP ARATUS AND SYSTEM  
FOR HOSTING INFORMATION EXCHANGE  
GROUPS ON A WIDE AREA NETWORK

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the Decision of the Primary Examiner mailed August 19, 2005, finally rejecting Claims 50-69.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. ☒ A petition and fee for extension of term for reply to the final rejection is attached.

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